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Tourists risk lives, defy Balamuri ban

Police cite staff crunch; Tahsildar to send teams to vacate tourists

Tourists were seen risking their lives and entering the Balamuri waterfalls yesterday despite the entry ban.

Mandya, Apr. 28 (AG&BCT)- Despite a ban imposed by the Mandya District Administration, hundreds of tourists are continuing to enter the Balamuri and Edamuri waterfalls along the River Cauvery in Srirangapatna, risking their lives amid rising drowning incidents.

This morning, around 150 to 200 tourists, including women and children, were seen at Balamuri, venturing into the waterfall formed by a concrete barrier across the river.

Many people stood directly under the cascading water on slippery rocks, ignoring safety concerns.

The spot, though hazardous, attracts visitors for its scenic beauty, particularly when water is released from Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam.

Local villagers present at the site were seen warning tourists against entering the water, pointing out that even minor negligence while wading or playing in the river has proved fatal in several cases. However, many visitors ignored the warnings and continued to play and move around in risky areas.

In view of frequent accidents, Srirangapatna Tahsildar and Taluk Magistrate S. Chethana Yadav had, on April 16, imposed prohibitory orders banning public entry to both Balamuri and Edamuri waterfalls.

The order was to remain in force until further notice and Police personnel from the jurisdictional KRS Police Station were deployed to prevent entry, with gates shut to visitors.

However, enforcement has weakened due to a shortage of personnel. Police sources said, staff could not be spared to guard the entry points as they were engaged in routine duties and VIP security arrangements.

"We had posted personnel after the ban was imposed. But due to staff shortage and other duties, including VIP bandobast, we are unable to depute staff now," said Sub-Inspector Naveen Gowda of KRS Police Station.

(See BAN on page 6)

Two pet dogs die of heat stroke

2 more under treatment; Govt. Veterinary Hospitals on high alert

Mysuru, Apr. 28 (MTY,PM& KS)- With temperatures hovering between 36°C and 38°C, heat stroke has claimed the lives of two pet dogs in the city, while two others are undergoing treatment at a private clinic.

A Golden Retriever named Rony, owned by Tejas of Vijayanagar, died around 5 pm on Apr. 26. Another dog, Sonu, a Beagle, died later in the night. Both had been rushed to Shree Pet Clinic in Vijayanagar, but did not respond to treatment.

Dr. Kiran Kundaragi of the clinic told *Star of Mysore* that both dogs succumbed to heat stroke. He added that two more pet dogs are currently being treated for heat-related complications, including kidney damage.

A Siberian Husky being administered intravenous (IV) fluid at Govt. Veterinary Hospital on Dhanvanthri Road today.

One of them, Boyla, a four-year-old female Golden Retriever, suffered heat stroke after being taken out for a walk in the hot sun. The dog developed kidney complications and has been under treatment for the past 15 days. "Though not fully recovered, the dog is responding to treatment," Dr. Kiran said.

Another case involved Max, a 1-year-old German Shepherd, which was brought to the clinic around midnight on Apr. 26 with kidney problems linked to heat stroke. It is still under treatment. Doctors warned, heat stroke in pets can lead to multi-organ failure, including kidney damage and urged pet owners to take precautions during peak summer.

(See HEAT STROKE on page 6)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

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Mysuru, Tuesday 28th April 2026

TEASER

By N. Prakash

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

REINING IN ONE'S EGO: ***Few realise it, but quite often one's ego, fuelled by pride and vanity, is one's biggest enemy. It can cause one more personal problems than anything else. Left uncontrolled, one's ego can ruin one's life and cause untold harm to others. On the other hand, judicious control of one's ego can go a long way in making one's life (and that of our fellowmen) pleasant and tolerable.***

Like one's very existence, one's ego is a precious God-given gift to help one lead a mentally balanced life, free from the inebriety of delusions. It is never intended to be used maliciously against anyone. Ideally, one's ego should be a repository of considerateness, concern and, of course, compassion for those less fortunate than oneself.

One's ego is, basically, the seat of one's mind or psyche; metaphorically speaking, it could well be termed the mind's reflector. The mentally well-balanced person always keeps his ego reined in, never allowing it to get the better of his good sense or judgement. When that happens, self-restraint is often abandoned, precipitating serious and unforeseen consequences for one.

An unrestrained ego can spread more unhappiness, ill-feeling and resentment than one can imagine. Indeed, an individual with an unbridled ego is akin to a power-crazed and irresponsible dictator. History shows, time and again, that many a bloody war has been launched (and unreasonably prolonged) by an overinflated ego hell-bent on wreaking vengeance on its enemies. Are such misguided and over-sensitive egos behind the current conflict destructively raging in West Asia? It is well-known that, apart from national considerations, personal egos do play a crucial role — in the form of catalysts — in most international confrontations.

Reining in one's ego — however hard it may be — can lead to a positive improvement in one's personal relations with others. And, for a stress-free life, is anything more important these days than a harmonious relationship with one's colleagues, associates, peers, neighbours and relatives?

One needs to bear in mind that one's ego is never intended to be put to negative use. Indeed, it is divinely decreed to be used — sensibly, constructively and exclusively — for the overall betterment of one's life and the lives of those around us. A conscious and sincere effort is, therefore, needed to control one's ego when it tends to get out of hand or assert itself irresponsibly.

— George Netto in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Now, gamblers tamper with sensors in Paris

Paris: Météo-France, the French weather forecasting service, believes that a weather station at Charles de Gaulle airport in France was used to manipulate bets placed on Polymarket on what the temperature would be in the French capital on certain days of March and April.

Data shows that on some days, more than $500,000 was placed on bets on the temperature in Paris, with some wallets pocketing around $280,000 by betting that the temperature in Paris would reach 19 °C on April 15. Surprisingly, at approximately 9.30 pm, the temperature reached 22°C, whereas it had been just 18°C in the middle of the afternoon.

It was soon revealed that the temperature anomalies coincided with unusually high winnings on Polymaket linked to bets on Paris temperature readings at the exact time of the abnormal readings.

Lady sneezes 1-inch-long 'worm'

Athens: One Greek woman's close encounter with a family of sheep bot flies is nothing to sneeze at.

It all started next to a field of grazing sheep in Greece, where an unidentified 58-year-old was working outdoors in the dry heat.

She "noticed numerous flies swarming around her face," according to a new medical report and about a week later, she began experiencing pain in her sinuses. The next few weeks brought "severe coughing," but no other symptoms. Until one day she sneezed out a "worm." Soon after, an ear, nose and throat doctor got to work surgically removing 10 larvae and a pupa — a teenage insect between the larval and adult stages — from the big sinuses on the side of her nose.

With the help of some nasal decongestants, the woman made a full recovery, and none of her co-workers came forward with similar symptoms.

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First Flag Day at Fire Station

Dignitaries salute during Fire and Emergency Services Department Flag Day celebrated at Saraswathipuram Fire Station premises in the city.

Mysuru, Apr. 28 (MK&BS)- The maiden Flag Day of Department of Fire and Emergency Services was celebrated at the Parade Grounds at Saraswathipuram Fire Station in the city recently.

Orthopaedic Surgeon Dr. T. Madhusudhan, who inaugurated the programme, advised the Fire and Emergency Services officers and personnel, to maintain a good health. As the Fire Department personnel work round-the-clock and attend to fire mishaps, they should have a concern towards their health. They should undergo health check up.

Regional Fire Officer P. Chandan, District Fire Officer K.P. Gururaj, Hassan District Fire Officer K.P. Naveen Kumar, Madikeri District Fire Officer Chandrashekar Bhandari, Hebbal Fire Station Officer G. Lakshmikanth Yadav and Kollegal Fire Station Officer Harish were present.

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Yesterday's level **95.22 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,258.14 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,827.48 feet**
Today's Inflow **47 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **64 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **190 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **4,400 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **700 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **180 cusecs**

REALLY...?

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VOICE OF THE READER

Kaveri Express arrival announcement delayed

Sir,

I am a regular passenger of Kaveri Express (Train No.16022) originating from Ashokapuram Railway Station to Chennai.

Though it is a daily train, there is no regular platform at Mysuru City Station. It is also announced just 5 to 10 minutes before its arrival.

This causes more inconvenience to the elders and also those having heavy luggage as all of them start using the elevator/lift/steps at a time.

This is avoidable if the Railway officials plan it in a passenger-friendly manner.

—Sankar

Mysuru
26.4.2026

Lack of career clarity can derail life, warns expert

Career Counsellor Prashanth Kumar Nayak (2nd from right) and Educationist Prof. Gururaj Sreedhara inaugurating the career counselling event organised by Nypunya PU College at Hotel Southern Star in city on Sunday as Agricultural Scientist Dr. Vasanth Kumar Thimakapura and Nypunya Secretary R. Kautilya look on.

Mysuru, Apr. 28 (MK&TRR)- Career Counsellor Prashanth Kumar Nayak emphasised the importance of clarity of thought, stating that life can derail without a proper thought process.

He was speaking at a career counselling programme titled 'What next after SSLC?' and 'Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Education and Career Choices' organised by Nypunya PU College at Hotel Southern Star on Sunday.

"Clarity of thought is very important in life. Without it, both our personality and profession may move in a direction contrary to our intentions. Hence, the decisions we take must be clear. While confusion is natural during important decisions, it is essential to seek proper guidance," he said.

He added that the world offers unlimited knowledge to those willing to learn. "How much knowledge we acquire depends on the individual. There are two types of decisions: Those that are permanent and those that can be changed. Discretion and patience are crucial while making decisions. Though we all dream of achieving something in life, we are often not prepared to put in the necessary effort. Hence, clarity in selecting our goals is essential," he said.

Highlighting the impact of technology, Nayak noted that constant feature of the modern world, with machines increasingly powered by AI.

"This will further intensify competition. Therefore, education must equip students with skills such as confidence, leadership, teamwork, digital proficiency, financial awareness and management," he added.

Educationist Prof. Gururaj Sreedhara described AI as a revolutionary tool that has made many tasks easier and more efficient. However, he cautioned that it could also pose challenges in the future.

Citing an example, he said that if a data centre is established in Mysuru, its daily power requirement could equal the city's annual power consumption.

Secretary of Nypunya Institutions R. Kautilya and others were present.

Legal profession now a social responsibility: Justice Aravind

Dignitaries seen with winners of Corporate Law Moot Court competition held at JSS College.

Mysuru, Apr. 28 (SPN&VNS)- Advocacy has undergone a significant transformation in recent years and the legal profession is no longer seen as a last resort but as a social responsibility, observed High Court Justice K.V. Aravind.

He was speaking at the valedictory of the 23rd Corporate Law Moot Court Competition organised by JSS Law College in association with Surana & Surana International Attorneys at the College premises in Kuvempunagar recently.

"Earlier, clients approached advocates seeking solutions to their problems. However, with the advent of technology, increased legal awareness and access to information, clients now come not only with problems but also with suggestions on the course of action," he said.

Stressing the role of advocates in society, Justice Aravind said they must act as the voice of the unheard and take responsibility for protecting Constitutional and legal rights, apart from safeguarding the interests of their clients.

Senior Advocate T. Suryanarayana, Preetham Surana of Surana & Surana International Attorneys, CGST Assistant Commissioner N. Manjula, JSS Law College Principal Dr. N. Vanishree and CEO Prof. K.S. Suresh were present.

The competition was inaugurated on Friday by High Court Justice S.G. Pandit. JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath and Senior Advocate Preetham Surana were present.

Winners: 1. School of Law, SASTRA Deemed University, Tanjavur. **2.** Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow. **3.** Institute of Law, Nirma University, Ahmedabad. **4.** University Law College, Bangalore University, Bengaluru.

Individual Awards

Best Student Advocate: Sagarika Nair (SASTRA Deemed University)

Best Memorial: Shradha Kachhawa, Shrijita, Aryan Taluja (Rajiv Gandhi National Law University, Punjab)

Best Speaker (Finals): Akshit Joon (Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University)

Spirit of Surana Award: M. Ashika, K. Anusha, Kartik Mahantesh Shigli (BMS College of Law, Bengaluru)

MCCI and Jain Milan's gesture

Mysuru, Apr. 28 (KS)- Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI), with an objective of assisting elderly and disabled passengers arriving at City Railway Station, donated 10 wheelchairs costing about Rs. 48,500.

The wheelchairs were handed over by MCCI President Dr. K.B. Lingaraju in the presence of Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) of South Western Railway (SWR), Mysuru Division Mudit Mittal.

MCCI Vice-President R. Anand, Hon. Secretary A.K. Shivaji Rao, Joint Secretary Vinod Jain, Treasurer S.J. Ashok and Executive Committee Member M.C. Bansali extended their support for this initiative.

On the occasion, Jain Milan Charitable Trust also provided clay water pots for the convenience of passengers.

Vinod Jain and other members of Jain Milan were present.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Calling visually impaired girl children

The city's Divya Jyothi Charitable Trust, located on 12th Cross, 8th Main, 3rd Stage, Dattagalli, has invited applications from eligible visually impaired girl students for admission to 1st and 2nd year PUC. The admitted students will be provided free hostel, computer training, pick up and drop facility and other facilities such as Braille Library and text books. 10th standard passed visually challenged girl students can apply. For registration and details, call Mob: 86185-49091 or 97421-26919.

Mass marriage

Suttur Srikshetra, apart from organising mass marriages during the Jathra Mahotsava, is also organising mass marriages every month since February 2009. All sections of society are eligible to take part in these mass marriages. The monthly mass marriage will be held on May 11 at Suttur in Nanjangud. The prospective bridegrooms and brides, who have completed 21 and 18 years of age respectively may apply along with their photographs, caste certificates and age proof certificate based on school admission records. Free saree, blouse, panche, valli, shirt, mangalya and silver toe-ring will be provided. Those interested may contact the Administrator, JSS Educational Institutions, Suttur, directly 8 days before the wedding. For registration, call Ph: 08221-232217 or Mob: 97413-42222.

Free kidney stones check-up camp

Suyog Hospital, Ramakrishnanagar in city, has organised a week-long free kidney stones check-up camp at its premises from today (Apr. 28) to May 2. Those facing kidney stones, urinary problems, infections etc., can avail of the camp. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2533600 or Mob: 99863-99862.

Free cancer detection clinic

A free cancer detection clinic has been organised at Preethi Cancer Centre in Lakshmipuram on Apr. 30 from 10 am to 8 pm. For details, contact Ph: 0821-4259259.

Intuition programme for children

Sri Ravishankar Gurudev's Art of Living has organised Intuition Programme for children and teens in the age group of 8 to 18 years from May 9 to 12 from 10.30 am to 4 pm at Art of Living Ashram, Lalitadripura Road, Mysuru. Also, there will be online programme from May 14 to 19. For details, contact Mob: 98456-85892/ 98459-63387.

Mangaluru cooker bomb blast case

Main accused gets 10-year jail term

Bengaluru/ Mangaluru Apr. 28 (Agencies)- A special National Investigation Agency (NIA) Court in Bengaluru yesterday sentenced the prime accused in the Mangaluru cooker bomb case to 10 years rigorous imprisonment and slapped a fine of Rs. 94,000.

Mohamed Shariq

Mohamed Shariq had initially claimed innocence in the case, but later pleaded guilty under Section 229 of Cr.PC in December 2025, which the Special Court accepted.

According to the prosecution, Shariq was carrying the pressure cooker IED (Improvised Explosive Device) in an autorickshaw and planned to plant it at Mangaluru's Kadri Sri Manjunathaswamy Temple to spread terror among the Hindu community. The low-intensity bomb, however, accidentally exploded on the way on Nov. 19, 2022.

Shariq (Accused No. 1) was sentenced to 10 years' rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 5,000 under Section 120B (criminal conspiracy) of the IPC. He was also sentenced to two years' rigorous imprisonment under Sections 465 (forgery) and 471 (using forged documents), with a fine of Rs. 2,000 each.

The Court further awarded 10 years' rigorous imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs. 10,000 each under Sections 121A (waging war conspiracy), 122 (collecting arms with intent to wage war), 307 (attempt to murder) and 326 (causing grievous hurt).

Under provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, the accused was sentenced to 10 years' rigorous imprisonment and fined Rs. 5,000 each under Sections 16(b), 17, 18, 20, 38, 39 and 40.

Additionally, under the Explosive Substances Act, 1908, he was awarded 10 years' rigorous imprisonment with fines of Rs. 5,000 each under Sections 3(a) and 5(a).

The Court ordered that all substantive sentences shall run concurrently. In case of default in payment of fines, additional imprisonment ranging from one to six months has been prescribed for different counts.

The Court also ordered that the period already undergone in Judicial Custody be set off against the sentence under Section 428 of the Cr.PC. The fine amount, once recovered, will be utilised towards defraying prosecution expenses.

Advocates said, the Court directed that a soft copy of the order be provided to the accused through e-mail and a hard copy be sent by post, as his presence was secured through video conferencing. A warrant of conviction has been ordered to be issued.

In the same case, the Judicial Custody of Accused No. 2 has been extended till May 21, 2026, and jail authorities have been directed to produce the accused through video conferencing on that date.

2022 flashback: Mohamed Shariq rented a house at Metagalli

Mysuru, Apr. 28 (BCT)- In November 2022, Mohamed Shariq had rented a room at Lokanayakanagar near Metagalli in Mysuru using a fake identity.

During a Police search of the premises, three pressure cookers and several materials and tools used for making Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) were recovered.

The house, bearing No. 434 on Sanjeevini Main Road, 10th Cross, near the Ring Road, was owned by a 62-year-old woman who resides in the front portion. A narrow passage in the house leads to a small rear room that had been rented out to Mohamed Shariq.

While taking the room on a monthly rent of Rs. 1,800, Mohamed Shariq identified himself as 'Premraj Hutagi' and produced an Aadhaar card carrying a Hubballi address. He told the house owner that he was in Mysuru for mobile repair training at a shop in Agrahara.

Investigations later revealed that Mohamed Shariq had stolen the identity of a Railway employee named Premraj Hutagi, a resident of Hubballi.

A file photo of Shariq's rented house at Metagalli in Mysuru.

Premraj Hutagi subsequently told Police that he had lost his Aadhaar card twice in the last two years.

Kodagu homestay link

Tracing Mohamed Shariq's movements, NIA sleuths raided a homestay near a forested area in West Nemmale village in Kodagu in December 2022, where the owner was subjected to intense questioning.

The homestay falls under the jurisdiction of T. Shettigeri Gram Panchayat and is located adjacent to a Tata Tea estate. During interrogation, the NIA learnt that Mohamed Shariq had attended a training camp organised there in May 2022.

A Hyderabad-based firm had conducted a 3-day camp, involving activities such as forest stay, bamboo product preparation, trekking and movement inside forest areas.

The NIA also found that, apart from Mohamed Shariq, another accused arrested in the case had attended the training at the same homestay.

Rowdy parade held

DCP warns rowdy sheeters of strict action if found involving themselves in criminal activities

Mysuru, Apr. 28 (PM&KS)- In a bid to maintain peace, law and order situation in city, the City Crime Branch (CCB) Police, led by DCP (Law and Order) Dr. Harsha Priyamvada, conducted rowdy parade at their premises on Ashoka Road in city.

A total of 65 rowdy sheeters from various Police Station limits in city were produced before the ACP and interrogated.

DCP Dr. Harsha, who collected information about these rowdy sheeters, warned them of initiating strict legal action if they continue criminal activities. She warned them against disturbing peace, law and order situation, involving themselves in crimes and not to post provocative messages or reels on social media which create fear among the public. She said that if any rowdy sheeter is found involving in any of the above, strict action would be taken on them.

CCB Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Mohammad Sharif Rawathar, Inspectors and staff were present.

Elephant scare: Sangama, Mekedatu shut till May 3

Barricades laid at the main gate of Sangama, restricting tourist visits.

Mysuru, Apr. 28 (MTY&BCT)- The Forest Department has restricted tourist entry to Sangama and Mekedatu in the Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary till May 3, following an incident in which a wild elephant injured a woman.

With summer drawing large crowds, the riverbank spots have been seeing a heavy inflow of visitors from Mysuru, Bengaluru, Mandya and other places.

On Apr. 23, while hundreds of tourists were bathing and playing in the river at Sangama, a lone tusker suddenly emerged from the forest and ran through the crowd.

While trying to cross the river and chase a cow, the elephant brushed against a woman from Bengaluru who was in the water. Though it did not attack her directly, she sustained a leg injury. Forest personnel rescued her and shifted her to a hospital, where she was treated and later discharged.

A few days earlier, a man was killed in a separate elephant attack in the Sangama area. In view of the repeated incidents, officials have warned that wild elephants, especially in search of water during summer, may move unpredictably and pose a risk to visitors.

Consequently, Range Forest Officer Anil Kumar has ordered a temporary ban on tourist entry to Sangama and Mekedatu till May 3. Barricades have been erected along the approach road and forest staff have been deployed to turn visitors back.

Vehicles seen returning from closed Sangama entry gate.

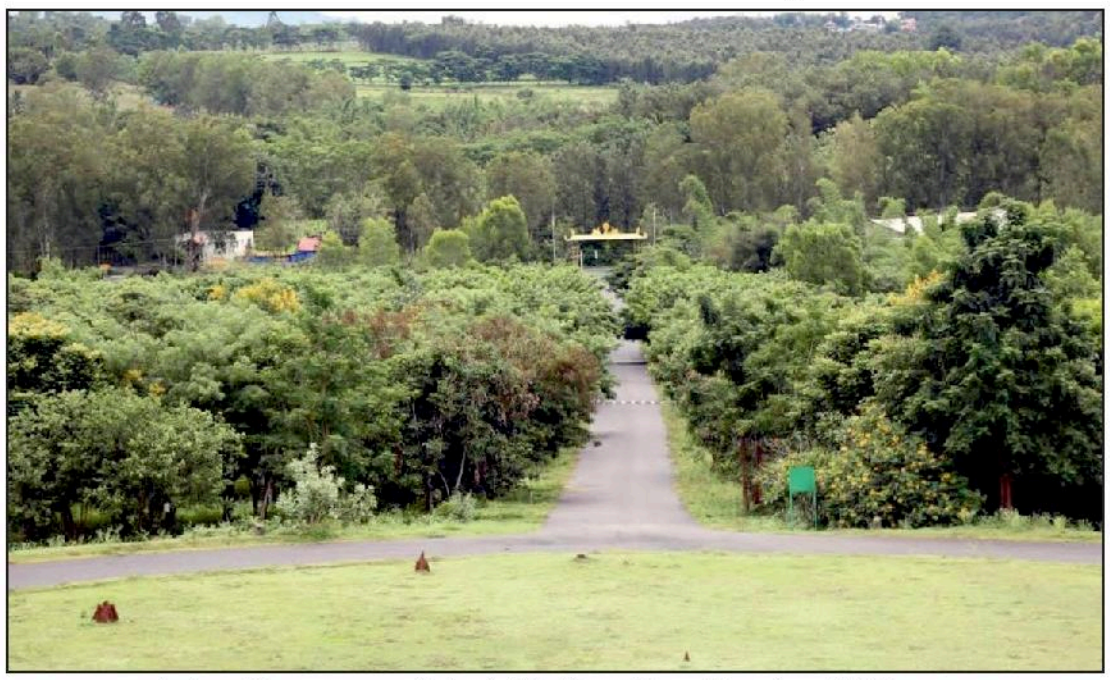
Tiger cools off in forest pond at Nagarahole

Mysuru, Apr. 28 (MTY&BCT)- A tiger was spotted cooling off in a forest pond in the Antharasanthe Range of H.D. Kote taluk in Nagarahole Tiger Reserve.

With summer heat intensifying, visitors have been flocking to Nagarahole and Bandipur Tiger Reserves, where sightings of tigers, elephants and leopards are frequent.

On Monday afternoon, tourists on a safari from Kakanakote range saw a tiger resting in a pond. The animal stayed in water for over half an hour to beat the heat. Tourists watched as the tiger got up and moved away, making it a memorable sighting.

Green cover at Bylakuppe earns PM Modi's praise



A view of the green cover in front of the Karma Kagyu Monastery at Bylakuppe.

Mysuru, Apr. 28 (Agencies)- In his recent 'Mann Ki Baat' address, Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighted the Karma Kagyu Monastery at Bylakuppe in Periyapatna taluk of Mysuru district, praising its efforts in environmental conservation.

Referring to the monastery, the Prime Minister underscored the deep connection between Buddhist traditions and nature. "Lord Buddha attained enlightenment under a tree. Nature is an integral part of our lives. The Tibetan settlement at Bylakuppe reflects this bond," he said.

He noted that the Tibetan settlement in Karnataka, spread over about 100 acres, has been transformed into a forest area preserving more than 700 indigenous tree species. "What was once barren land has now become a thriving forest conservation zone under the guidance of spiritual leaders," he added.

The initiative is managed by the Bodhisattva Trust, established in 1995 with a focus on environmental protection and ecological restoration. The Trust also runs the Nalanda School, where monks are trained in sustainable living practices.

Extending greetings on Buddha Purnima, Modi said, "Gautama Buddha is more relevant today than ever. At a time when the world is witnessing tensions and conflicts, his message of peace and compassion holds greater significance."

Bylakuppe, one of the largest Tibetan settlements in the world, is known for its prominent monasteries, including the Namdroling Monastery, popularly called the Golden Temple. The settlement is also a centre for Tibetan culture and a major tourist attraction, noted for its cleanliness, discipline, and striking Buddha statues, murals and prayer halls.

ISHRAE Mysore Chapter installs New Team

Rehman Sheriff *Dinesh* *Dr. Chethana* *Soham Babu*

Mysuru, Apr. 28- The Mysore Chapter of the **Indian Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers (ISHRAE)** held its Installation Ceremony for 2026-27 at a hotel in city recently.

Er. Rehman Sheriff was installed as President of ISHRAE Mysore Chapter for 2026-27, along with Dr. G.D. Chethana as President-Elect, Er. C. Dinesh as Secretary and Er. Soham Babu as Treasurer.

Outgoing President Er. K.B. Bhaskar handed over charge to the new team.

Er. S. Elangovan, Regional Director South-1, ISHRAE HQ, Er. T. Nagaraja, Skill Development, ISHRAE HQ, was the chief guest. Er. R. Arun, President, ISHRAE Bangalore Chapter, was the guest of honour.

In his address, the new President emphasised the Chapter's focus on student activities, technical seminars and promoting sustainable HVAC&R practices in the region. The ceremony was attended by members from industry, academia and students.

Er.C. Dinesh, ISHRAE Secretary, proposed vote of thanks.

White-topping on 12 city roads

Fix damaged pipelines first: DC tells officials

White-topping to be halted for 15 days until restoration of damaged pipelines

Cable laying works near Premier Studio in Jayalakshmipuram and near DC's Office on Bannur Road in Siddarathanagar.

Mysuru, Apr. 28 (BCT)- Mysuru DC G. Lakshmikanth Reddy has announced that white-topping work has commenced along a 1-km stretch of Manandavadi Road, stressing the need for careful planning before execution.

Chairing a meeting with officials of the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and other Departments at his office yesterday, he said the project must be carried out with foresight, ensuring that all essential civic infrastructure is in place before laying the concrete surface.

White-topping has been approved for 12 roads in the city. In the first phase, work has begun on Manandavadi Road, Bogadi Road and Vishwamanava Double Road, he noted.

Referring to earlier instances of pipeline damage during similar works, the DC directed that white-topping be halted for 15 days until the damaged pipelines are repaired. He instructed MCC and Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) officials to submit compliance reports after completing repairs.

He also directed MCC officials to ensure safety of drinking water pipelines, underground drainage systems & CESC's power cables before concreting begins. Departments have been asked to submit reports confirming that these utilities will not be affected.

"If roads are dug up after concreting, the officials concerned will be held accountable," he warned. With regard to Bogadi Road, he instructed officials of the MCC and the Public Works Department to conduct a joint inspection and submit a report within two days before commencing the work.

He further pointed out that CESC is currently undertaking underground cabling works across 400-km in the city. Any damage to drainage or water pipelines during this process must be rectified within a day before continuing the work, he said, adding that public inconvenience must be avoided at all costs.

Mysuru City Corporation Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif, Executive Engineer Manju, CESC Superintendent Engineer Sunil and other officials were present at the meeting held yesterday.

Tourists defy Balamuri ban

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The Tahsildar, in her earlier order, had noted that Balamuri and Edamuri had turned into "death traps," with more than 79 drowning deaths reported between 2015 and 2026.

Reacting to reports of the ban being flouted, Tahsildar Chethana Yadav said, she would review the situation. "I am not aware of the violations. I will speak to the Police, taluk officials and the Panchayat. Teams will be sent to clear tourists from the spot," she said.

Heat stroke: Govt. Veterinary Hospitals prepared

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Dr. Nagaraj

Deputy Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Dr. Nagaraj, said that all 204 Government Veterinary Hospitals in the district are equipped to handle heat stroke cases. "Necessary medicines have been stocked to treat affected animals," he said.

He also advised farmers and shepherds to avoid taking cattle and sheep out for grazing during peak heat hours. Agricultural work involving cattle should be scheduled between 6 am & 10 am, and 4 pm & 6 pm.

Farmers have been asked to ensure constant access to clean drinking water, provide adequate shade and offer easily digestible fodder.

Changing grazing timings to early morning or after sunset, sprinkling water during hot hours, and keeping sheds cool by wetting the floors were also suggested.

However, he cautioned against pouring very cold water on animals, as sudden temperature changes can cause shock. Sheep should be sheared in time, and transportation of livestock during peak heat should be avoided.

A pet dog being administered IV fluid at Govt. Veterinary Hospital in city.

Watch for symptoms

Veterinarians said dogs are particularly vulnerable as they cannot regulate body temperature through sweating like humans and rely on panting, which becomes ineffective in extreme heat.

When body temperature rises to 41-42°C, vital organs such as the brain, heart, liver and kidneys can suffer serious damage.

Pet owners have been advised to watch for signs such as excessive drooling, weakness, rapid breathing, confusion, trembling and seizures. In such cases, the animal should be moved to a cool place immediately and veterinary help sought.

Precautions

Experts recommend scheduling walks before sunrise or after sunset, ensuring access to clean and cool water at all times, and creating shaded, well-ventilated spaces for pets. Leaving pets inside parked vehicles must be strictly avoided.

Residents have also been urged to keep water bowls under trees for stray animals and birds, which depend on human support during the harsh summer months.

Siddu Vs DKS

Power Play nears climax?!

MLAs step up Delhi visits; Siddu camp seeks reshuffle, DKS camp eyes change at top

Bengaluru, Apr. 28 (BS)- The State's political scene is set for a fresh churn, with MLAs loyal to Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar (DKS) stepping up efforts to project him as Chief Minister, even as supporters of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah press for a Cabinet reshuffle.

Amid the growing buzz, Siddaramaiah, a prominent AHINDA (Alpasankhyataru, Hindulidavaru, Dalitaru) leader, is learnt to be planning a visit to New Delhi in the first week of May to meet the party High Command and seek approval for a Cabinet rejig, aimed at giving a fresh push to the Government as it completes three years in office.

As part of parallel moves, more than 30 MLAs, who have been elected to the Assembly three or more times, are expected to travel to Delhi in the second week of May, according to Chief Whip Ashok Pattan, a known Siddaramaiah loyalist.

Sources said, Legislators aligned with Shivakumar may leave for the National Capital as early as this weekend, signalling an escalation in the power struggle.

Visit to Kharge

The debate over 'power sharing' has resurfaced following Shivakumar's recent visit to New Delhi along with his brother D.K. Suresh, President of the Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF).

A file photo of CM Siddaramaiah and Dy.CM D.K. Shivakumar with Congress leader Rahul Gandhi at the Mysore Airport on Jan. 13.

The duo met AICC President M. Mallikarjun Kharge and learnt to have raised the earlier power-sharing understanding between Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar, in which Kharge was present.

Kharge is said to have indicated that the matter would be discussed with the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, after his return from a tour on May 5. The results of Assembly elections in Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Kerala and Puducherry are scheduled to be announced on May 4.

Birthday buzz around DKS

Adding to the speculation, Kunigal MLA Dr. Ranganath hinted that Shivakumar could receive "good news" on his birthday on May 15. "Siddaramaiah is doing well as Chief Minister, but Shivakumar too deserves an opportunity," he said.

'Tickets being booked'

Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK) claimed that flight tickets were being booked for 40 to 50 MLAs to travel to Delhi.

"I have been hearing about a 'revolution' for the past year. Let us see what happens after the election results," Kumaraswamy, who is also the State JD(S) President, said in a sarcastic tone.

Will enter Vidhana Soudha in 2028: Prathap Simha

'DKS had offered me a Congress ticket in 2023 Assembly elections'

Kumta, Apr. 28 (BS)- Former Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha has reaffirmed his plans to enter State politics by contesting the Assembly elections scheduled for May 2028, expressing confidence of emerging victorious.

Prathap Simha

Speaking at a programme in Kumta in Uttara Kannada yesterday, Simha outlined his political roadmap and said his interest in State politics has steadily grown over the past three years.

He noted that he has already been actively engaging with issues in the Chamaraja Assembly Constituency in Mysuru, signalling his intent to shift focus from National to State-level politics.

Staunch RSS man

Simha also revealed that ahead of the May 2023 Assembly elections, KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar had made efforts to bring him into the Congress fold after he was denied a BJP ticket to seek re-election to Parliament for a third consecutive term.

"Shivakumar contacted me using the phone of Kunigal MLA Dr. Ranganath. He offered me a Congress ticket and even suggested that I could return to the BJP after five years. He believed that survival in politics matters above everything else," Simha said.

However, Simha said, he rejected the offer, citing ideological reasons. "I am a staunch RSS man and I respect it like my father. Those associated with the RSS cannot align with the Congress ideology," he asserted.

He claimed that attempts to induct him into the Congress did not stop there, with at least four Congress MLAs making repeated efforts to persuade him. "Despite sustained pressure, I chose to remain loyal to the BJP and did not yield to the overtures," he said.

Reflecting on the political scenario at the time, Simha admitted that switching sides might have worked in his favour electorally. "Given the political climate then, I could have won the election if I had joined the Congress. I was confident that voters would have supported me in recognition of my work as an MP," he added.

Simha said, his decision to stay with the BJP was guided by his commitment to his supporters and the youth who look up to him.

Recalling his personal journey, he said, "I come from a poor family. As a boy, I supplied milk to hotels. Today, I have built a career as a journalist and a politician. I want to inspire youngsters from similar backgrounds to dream big and work hard to achieve their goals."

Obituary

Ibrahim Khan

Mysuru, Apr. 28 - Ibrahim Khan (80), a scrap merchant and a resident of Haleemnagar, passed away this morning in city.

He leaves behind his wife, three sons, three daughters, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza will be performed today at Masjid Akbaree in Haleemnagar after Asar Salath (5.15 pm), followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

P. Dhanalakshmi

P. Dhanalakshmi (80), wife of late P. Shivalingappa and a resident of Kuvempunagar here, passed away yesterday in city.

She leaves behind her sons Dr. M.S. Ramakrishna, Dr. S. Venkatesh and S. Shivakumar, daughter Dr. S. Maheshwari and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon, according to family sources.

H.R. Varadarajapille

Hunsur: H.R. Varadarajapille (53), Director of Hunsur Hanumanthotsava Committee, passed away yesterday in the town.

He leaves behind his wife, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at his farm land near Pump House yesterday evening, according to family sources.

K. Dinesh

K. Dinesh (59), the Director of Sri Muneshwaraswamy Seva Samithi and a resident of Mururamma Layout in Hunsur, passed away yesterday in the town.

A bachelor, he leaves behind three sisters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Chirashantidhama, next to Taluk Office in the town, according to family sources.

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Amrutha Mahotsava - Nruthya Sapthaha International Dance Fest concludes

Vidu. Divyashree, Vidu. Soumya Rani, Vidu. S. Nethra, Vidu. Divya Naveen, Vidu. Sharika Kaushik and Meghana L.N. Raju, who received prestigious 'Somasri Awards,' instituted in memory of Natyacharya T.N. Somashekar, during the valedictory of Amrutha Mahotsava - Nruthya Sapthaha International Dance Festival at Nada Mantapa of Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram in city on Apr. 20, are seen with Dr. M.D. Sudarshan, Assistant Director, Department of Kannada & Culture, S.P. Manjunath, Secretary-1 of JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Dr. Tulasi Ramachandra, Director of Nrityalaya Trust, Mysuru, T.S. Sreelakshmi Kumar, President of Sri Uma Maheshwara Nruthya Kalakshetra, Mysuru, Sreelakshmi's husband & Kalakshetra Secretary Krishna Kumar, son-in-law & Kalakshetra Trustee Koushik and Vid. R.S. Nandakumar. Picture right shows H.R. Jayamma, younger sister of Natyacharya T.N. Somashekar, who presented a touching vocal tribute on the second day of 7-day Dance Festival on Apr. 15, being felicitated on the occasion.

Mysuru, Apr. 28- The Amrutha Mahotsava - Nruthya Sapthaha, International Dance Festival organised by Sri Uma Maheshwara Nruthya Kalakshetra Trust, J.P. Nagar, concluded on Apr. 20, at Nada Mantapa of Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram on Nanjangud Road in city.

The programme commenced with an invocation by Vidu. S. Nethra, creating a spiritually uplifting atmosphere. This was followed by a comprehensive report of the week-long Dance Festival presented by Vidu. Srilakshmi Kumar.

The inauguration ceremony of this Festival was held on Apr. 14 at Ganabharathi's Ramagovinda Kalavedike which was graced by Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji.

The Festival was inaugurated by Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy. Industrialist & art patron Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy was the chief guest. *Natyacharya* Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao presided.

During the inaugural event, the commemorative publication *'Somamruta Yana'* and a short biographical booklet titled *'Natya Yana,'* based on the life of *Natyacharya* T.N. Somashekar, were released.

More than 25 art troupes, comprising over 350 dancers from across the country and abroad, participated and presented performances during the Festival.

Unity of Prakruti & Purusha in the form of Ardhanaarishwara, being presented on the final day of Amrutha Mahotsava - Nruthya Sapthaha International Dance Festival on Apr. 20.

Workshops were also conducted during the festival, which greatly benefited dance students. The Nattuvanga Workshop led by Vid. Sandesh Bhargav and the Make-up Workshop by B.M. Ramachandra of Rajeshwari Vasthralankara yielded excellent outcomes for the participants. With the valuable support of several reputed dance institutions in Mysuru, a series of performances titled *'Nritya Samagama'* was organised during the week-long Fest.

A unique programme titled *'Shrotavya Somashekara'* effectively brought out the personality and contributions of *Natyacharya* T.N. Somashekar through heartfelt reflections by his close associates.

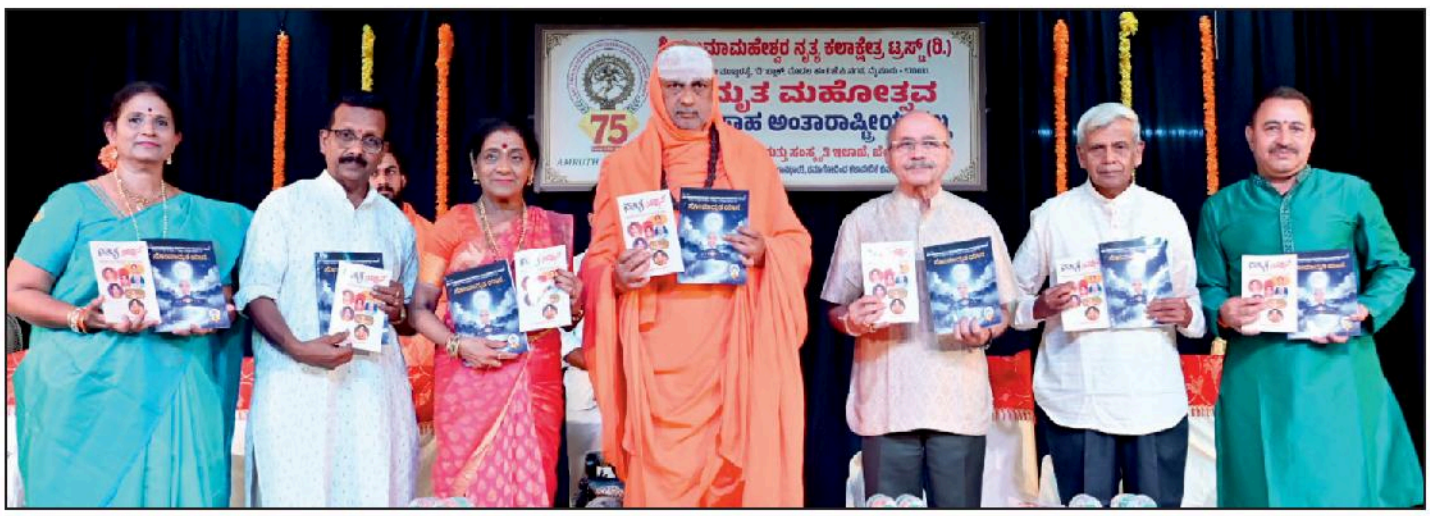
It is noteworthy that several disciples who are now settled abroad returned to Mysuru for this festival and offered their performances as a mark of respect and gratitude to the institution where they began their dance training. The music programmes presented during the Dance Week were also highly appreciated.

The valedictory function on Apr. 20 was presided by H.V. Rajeev, President of Jnanaganga House Building Co-operative Society Ltd., Mysuru. Valedictory address was delivered by Vid. R.S. Nandakumar. Dr. M.D. Sudarshan, Assistant Director, Department of Kannada & Culture, was the chief guest. Dr. Tulasi Ramachandra, Director of Nrityalaya Trust, Mysuru and S.P. Manjunath, Secretary-1 of JSS Mahavidyapeetha, were the guests of honour.

On the occasion, the prestigious *'Somasri Awards,'* instituted in memory of *Natyacharya* T.N. Somashekar, were presented to Vidu. Divyashree, Vidu. Soumya Rani, Vidu. S. Nethra, Vidu. Divya Naveen, Vidu. Sharika Kaushik and Meghana L.N. Raju.

Following the formal ceremony, a dance ballet titled *'Eshwara Leela Vilasa,'* conceptualised & choreographed by *Natya Nidhi* T.S. Sreelakshmi Kumar, President of Sri Uma Maheshwara Nruthya Kalakshetra, received immense appreciation. More than 40 artistes of the institution, along with Sreelakshmi herself, performed in this production. This presentation served as a meaningful and memorable culmination of the institution's Amrutha Mahotsava.

The programme was gracefully compered by Dr. Deepika Pandurangi.



FROM LEFT: ***Sri Uma Maheshwara Nruthya Kalakshetra Director T.S. Sreelakshmi, Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao, Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, Mangalore Ganesh Beedi Managing Trustee Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy, Somashekar Mandagere and Kumar, releasing a souvenir titled*** *'Somaamrutha Yaana,'* ***commemorating the institution's 75-year journey and a biography titled*** *'Natya Yaana,'* ***based on the life and contributions of*** *Natyacharya* ***T.N. Somashekar, Founder of the institution, authored by Somashekar Mandagere, during the inaugural programme on Apr. 14. Picture right shows Vidu. Sharika Koushik (an accomplished artiste and disciple of Vidu. Sreelakshmi Kumar & Vidu. Padmini Upadhya and the granddaughter of*** *Natyacharya* ***T.N. Somashekar) along with her son 3-year-old Nachiketa Datta Sharma (4th generation of TNS), presenting a dance titled*** *'Krishnanubhava.'*

Agniveer Recruitment Rally in Mysuru concludes

Over 190 women candidates take part in final phase

Women candidates participating in the Agniveer Recruitment Rally on the concluding day of the 9-day Rally at Chamundi Vihar Stadium in city yesterday. Picture below shows male candidates undergoing physical test on day-1 of the Agniveer Recruitment Rally on Apr. 19.

Mysuru, Apr. 28- A large number of women candidates participated on the concluding day of the 9-day Agniveer Recruitment Rally held at Chamundi Vihar Stadium in city yesterday.

The Recruitment Rally for candidates from Karnataka and Kerala had begun in Mysuru on Apr. 19. More than 190 women underwent various physical tests as part of the Recruitment Rally.

The Rally for women candidates was flagged off by Lt. Gen. R.S. Sundaram, Director General (Recruitment). Maj. Gen. Fernandez, Additional Director General (Recruitment) also addressed the NCC Cadets of the 3 Karnataka Girls Battalion at the venue, urging them to pursue their ambition with discipline and determination.

The Rally at Mysuru was the second phase of the recruitment comprising screening and physical tests for the candidates, who had appeared for the written examination conducted in June 2025. A total of 6,043 men and 192 women from Karnataka and Kerala participated in the Rally.

Sources said, the selected women candidates would be joining as Agniveers in Women Military Police of the Indian Army after successful completion of their medical tests.

Autism awareness walkathon held

Mysuru, Apr. 28- An autism awareness walkathon promoting awareness, acceptance and inclusion was held in city on Sunday. The walkathon, which attracted enthusiastic participation from community members, commenced from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple near Palace North Gate and culminated at University of Mysore's Oval Grounds symbolising a united step towards building a more inclusive society.

The event brought together citizens, volunteers and advocates, who emphasised the need to better understanding and support individuals on the autism spectrum.

Addressing the gathering, Shubha Urs of Mysuru Book Clubs, Kishore Biddappa of Eshwar Vidyalaya and Rtn. Bopanna highlighted the importance of empathy, early intervention and equal opportunities for neurodivergent individuals.

They stressed that inclusion began with awareness which must extend into education, employment and everyday social interactions.

The initiative was spearheaded by Devdan Foundation's Kotera Dilip Devaiah & Ballachanda Dhanya Uthappa, Paadha Trust's Sangeetha with support extended from Rotary E-Club Mysore, Project Reach Out Mysore.

A key highlight of the walkathon was its focus on employment opportunities for neurodivergent individuals.

The event showcased how, with proper training and nurturing, individuals with special needs can become capable and productive members of the workforce.

Devdan Foundation was recognised for its dedicated work in creating job opportunities and empowering special needs individuals in and around Mysuru.

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TODAY'S MATCH APRIL 28

PUNJAB KINGS Vs RAJASTHAN ROYALS

PBKS Vs RR

New Intl. Cricket Stadium, New Chandigarh, **7.30 pm**

TOMORROW'S MATCH APRIL 29

MUMBAI INDIANS Vs SUNRISERS

MI Vs SRH

Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai, **7.30 pm**

YESTERDAY'S RESULT

DC 75 all out (16.3 overs)
LOST TO
RCB 77/1 (6.3 overs)

Catch the live telecast on: **Star Sports Network & JioHotstar**

WORD OF THE DAY

Juxtapose

Pronunciation: JUK-stuh-pohz (verb)

Meaning: To juxtapose things is to place them together in order to create an interesting effect or to show how they are the same or different.

Origin: Although it doesn't feature the word juxtapose, a classic segment from a 1969 episode of Sesame Street perfectly illustrates the essence of verb. In it, the character Bob (as played by actor Bob McGrath) sings the catchy song "One of These Things (Is Not Like the Others)" in front of a display that juxtaposes — that is, places near one another for comparison—four items: an apple, an ice cream cone, a hamburger and a mitten. The song asks its audience to consider their similarities and differences before deciding which is the most different. The word juxtapose is likely a back-formation of the noun juxtaposition, which appropriately enough combines Latin adjective juxta meaning "near" with the English word position. The use of juxtapose isn't limited to tangible objects, however —images, ideas, concepts and more are frequently juxtaposed.

Example: "... on 'Murder Most Foul' [Bob] Dylan thwarts readymade nostalgia, an easy revisiting of the storybook sixties and his golden 'spokesman' moment. Instead, mixing and juxtaposing voices, lingos, and tones, he traces the decline of America over the trajectory of his own lifetime ..." — Robert Polito, After the Flood: Inside Bob Dylan's Memory Palace, 2026.

THE ODD WORD

Jampan

An Indian sedan chair.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Feeding frenzy

Meaning: The phrase 'Feeding frenzy' is used to describe a period of excited activity by a group, particularly around a certain focal point.

Origin: The term 'Feeding frenzy' was originally used to describe a shark attack. It was coined in the mid-20th century.

Example: "The media had a feeding frenzy when the murder suspect was caught red-handed."

QUOTE BOX

He who learns but does not think, is lost! He who thinks but does not learn is in great danger. **— Confucius**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Back-rub

SUDOKU

1	4		7					
			9			8		
9						6	1	
					3	2		
	5			8			9	
		4	1					
	2	9						7
		8			5			
					7		3	6

Answer to previous puzzle

5	1	3	4	2	8	7	6	9
9	6	8	1	3	7	4	5	2
7	4	2	5	9	6	8	1	3
2	7	5	8	6	1	3	9	4
6	9	1	3	4	2	5	7	8
3	8	4	9	7	5	1	2	6
4	2	7	6	1	3	9	8	5
1	5	9	2	8	4	6	3	7
8	3	6	7	5	9	2	4	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 They catch or entrap
5 Certain bones - "a scar" anagram?
10 Mind a child
13 Of a city
14 Brief operatic solo number
15 Dirty or filthy
16 Clumsy (3,6)
18 Laughing out loud, acronym ?
19 A mineral spring resort
20 Global Air Traffic Mgmnt.
24 Amusement
27 Does not go to bed (5,2)
29 Drive forward
32 Leapt, jumped or pranced
33 Passes through a sieve?
35 Pull along behind
36 Lower part of room wall
37 Gloating cry
39 Haw's partner?
42 By oneself or single handedly? (2,4,3)
45 Nile dam site
49 Fixed the leaky roof again?
50 Horse attendant
51 Those who gain by labour
52 Gallic school
53 A small vehicle for driving on snow

DOWN

1 Russian denial
2 Bible book abbr.
3 Roman emperor from 79 to 81 A.D.
4 Philatelists collect them
5 Totals or adds up
6 Have being
7 TV network
8 An Ethiopian prince
9 Some - no matter which
10 A false biblical god
11 Folksinger Guthrie
12 A purse or a wallet?
17 Hitting sticks
20 A Greek sandwich
21 Taken in toto, not partially (2,1,5)
22 Brewer's fermenting vat
23 Fuel economy letters
25 Until now (2,2)
26 French word for "born"
28 Appropriate
29 Primary Flight Display
30 Narrow inlet, creek
31 Author Hubbard (1,3)
34 Strands or beaches
38 Tatum ____ : famous Hollywood star?
40 Large water jug
41 All ___ up : completely?
42 This one's __ __ : I'll pay the bill? (2,2)
43 "To be" in Paris?
44 Pakistani province?
45 Grow old
46 Sys. and Research Centre
47 Pay court to
48 America Online, abbr.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

E	M	T		E	D	G	Y		C	O	L	A
R	I	O		L	E	N	O		A	P	E	X
A	N	D		D	R	U	G		E	T	A	L
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O	V	A			E	K	E		M	O	A	
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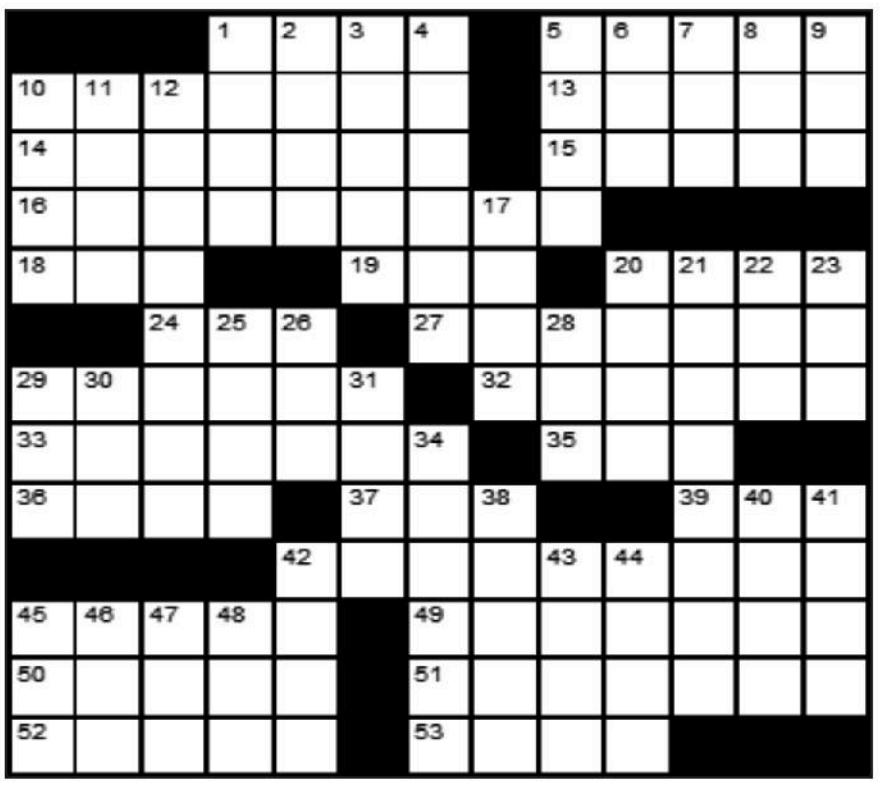

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

GYB ZYX TNHDXJ IKYDH PDGYIDZY VLZY CXRBKYHY XYCH

YEKCNOIDXJ IKY HYOLNHVYO TBYPPDXJ BDIKDX IKYZ. IKYHY

CHY TYYA BYPPO LG OIHYXJIK IKCI CHY XYFYH NOYT.

TODAY'S CLUE: J EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: A cult is a religion with no political power.

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  Kotigobba (K) - 3 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** Ph: 2420885
  Maanikya (K) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** Ph: 2521923
  Pallichattambi (K) - 2 Shows *Pallichattambi (Ta)* - 2 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** Ph: 2422871
  Rebel (Te) - 4 Shows
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  Puneeth Nivasa (K) - 4 Showss
- **Rajkamal Theatre** Ph: 2423554
  Love Insurance Kompany (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** Mob: 98863-25207
  Dacoit (H) - 3 Shows

MOVIES AT DRC CINEMAS Ph: 4240422 4241800

Lee Cronin's The Mummy (E)	(S-1)	10.35 am, 7.40 pm
Bhooth Bangla (H)	(S-1)	1.20 pm
	(S-2)	7.00 pm
Elra Kaaleliyatte Kaala (K)	(S-1)	4.50 pm
Vaazha II: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	(S-1)	10.30 pm
Achappa's Album (Ma)	(S-2)	11.35 am
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (H)	(S-2)	2.15 pm
Madhuvidhu (Ma)	(S-2)	10.25 pm
Ginny Weds Sunny 2 (H)	(S-3)	10.20 am, 7.25 pm
Amarkkalam (Ta)	(S-3)	1.05 pm
Sankeerthana (K)	(S-3)	4.05 pm
Vaazha2- Biopic of a Billion Bro (Te)	(S-3)	10.15 pm
Michael (E)	(S-4)	10.35 am, 4.15 pm, 7.05 pm, 9.55 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	(S-4)	1.20 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

Amarkkalam (Ta)	:	1.00 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (K)	:	1.15 pm, 7.45 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (H)	:	9.15 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	1.25 pm, 6.35 pm
Maayan (Ta)	:	1.30 pm, 4.00 pm
Calendar (H)	:	6.25 pm
Elra Kaaleliyatte Kaala (K)	:	6.40 pm
Bharathanatyam 2 Mohiniyattam (Ma)	:	9.15 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	10.15 am, 2.05 pm
Michael (E)	:	10.30 am, 1.25 pm, 4.20 pm, 7.15 pm, 10.10 pm
Bhooth Bangla (H)	:	10.40 am, 12.15 pm, 3.40 pm, 7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (H)	:	10.55 am, 4.55 pm, 10.00 pm
Project Hail Mary (E)	:	12.05 pm, 4.05 pm, 6.35 pm
Lee Cronin's The Mummy (E)	:	1.05 pm, 9.30 pm
Madhuvidhu (Ma)	:	3.20 pm
Vaazha 2: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	:	3.30 pm, 9.50 pm
Dacoit (Te)	:	6.50 pm, 10.20 pm
Bharathanatyam 2 Mohiniyattam (Ma)	:	7.20 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Dhurandhar: The Revenge (H)	:	10.00 am, 2.20 pm, 5.40 pm, 10.15 pm
Bhooth Bangla (H)	:	10.45 am, 2.10 pm, 5.35 pm, 9.00 pm, 10.00 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	11.30 am, 4.00 pm, 6.55 pm
Elra Kaaleliyatte Kaala (K)	:	1.15 pm
Darling (Te)	:	2.35 pm
Lee Cronin's The Mummy (E)	:	7.00 pm
Vaazha 2: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	:	9.45 pm

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Dhurandhar: The Revenge (K)	:	9.55 am, 5.55 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (H)	:	1.30 pm, 5.25 pm, 9.30 pm
Bhooth Bangla (H)	:	10.05 am, 11.10 am, 12.55 pm, 2.30 pm, 6.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	10.10 am, 2.35 pm, 7.30 pm
Lee Cronin's The Mummy (E)	:	4.20 pm, 10.00 pm
Darling (Te)	:	10.20 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Bhooth Bangla (H)	:	10.05 am, 3.45 pm, 6.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Vaazha 2: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	:	10.30 am, 7.10 pm
Vaazha 2: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Te)	:	10.20 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (H)	:	11.15 am, 1.30 pm, 9.30 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	11.15 am, 4.40 pm
Ludo (K)	:	1.50 pm
Achappa's Album (Ma)	:	2.05 pm
Elra Kaaleliyatte Kaala (K)	:	4.35 pm
Lee Cronin's The Mummy (E)	:	7.20 pm
Madhuvidhu (Ma)	:	7.30 pm
Bharathanatyam 2 Mohiniyattam (Ma)	:	10.10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

Wins NEC's Karnataka Excellence Award for Lifetime Achievement

Mysuru, Apr. 28- Dr. B. Nirmala (daughter of late Mallamma and late G.M. Battimallappa I.A.A.S.), a retired Associate Professor and former Head of Hindi Department, Maharani's Science College, Mysuru, received 'Karnataka Excellence Award for Lifetime Achievement in Education, Hindi Literature, Social Service, Sports and Leadership' during the Karnataka Awards-2026 Ceremony, organised by **National Excellence Council (NEC),** at Town Hall in Bengaluru recently.

Dr. B. Nirmala** (centre) **receiving 'Karnataka Excellence Award for Lifetime Achievement in Education, Hindi Literature, Social Service, Sports and Leadership' from Shruti, cine actress and Gopinath Rao (IEDS), retd. Dy. Director, MSME, Govt. of India, during Karnataka Awards-2026 event organised by NEC at Town Hall in Bengaluru recently.

The award was presented by Shruti, cine actress and Gopinath Rao (IEDS), retired Deputy Director, MSME, Govt. of India, in the presence of other dignitaries.

A Poet, Writer, Social Activist, Senior NSS Officer and Sports Woman, Dr. Nirmala is also the recipient of International Pride of Woman Award-2026 from Shanthi Foundation, Uttar Pradesh; Inspirational Leadership Award-2026 (for Education Literature, Social Service and Sports) from The Indian Forum for Social Leaders and Achievers, Tamil Nadu; Stree Ratna Award-2026 for Education from Natya Performing Art Institute and Research Centre, Mysuru; Naari Sanchetana Award-2026 for Education and Social Service from MD Education Society, Chhattisgarh and an Appreciation Certificate from Hindi Ki Goonj Institution, Tokyo, Japan.

She was honoured by Akhila Bharata Veerashaiva-Lingayat Mahasabha, Mysuru Unit, Lions International District 317-G and Lalitadri Mahila Balaga of JSS Layout, Mysuru, this year for her valuable services and contributions to the society.

EVENTS TODAY (APRIL 28)

- **Sri Krishna Seva Samithi Charitable Trust:** 35th Brahmothsava, Shanti Homa, Mahapurnahuti, Dhwajavarohana, Pushpayaga, Rashtraashreervada, Sri Krishna Temple, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Venkateshwara Dhyana Kendra:** 8th anniversary of Uttaradi Mutt branch, Discourse 'Sri Dhanvantri Mahime' by Pt. Sri Aniruddha Acharya Pandurangi, Kendra premises, Srirampura, **6 pm to 7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APRIL 29)

- **Sri Krishna Seva Samithi Charitable Trust:** 35th Brahmothsava, Avabhruta Snana (Chakra Snana), Amrutha Kalashabhisheka, **9 am;** Music Concert by Vidu. Anughya & party, **6.30 pm;** Vaibhava Shayanotsava, Sri Krishna Temple, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **8 pm.**
- **Ramsons Kala Pratishtana:** Ramsons Kreedaa Kaushalya - 11th biennial of traditional board games of India, Ramsons Bombe Mane, Nazarbad, **10 am to 7 pm.**
- **Mysuru Yogis Trust and Government Maharaja Sanskrit College, Mysuru:** 'Yoga Namana' cultural programme, Dr. Ganesh Rao of Gurukrupa Yoga and Ayurveda Treatment Clinic, delivers a talk on Lord Krishna, Yoga Ratna Mukundan Guruji delivers a discourse, Sanskrit College premises, Sayyaji Rao Road, **6 pm.** [Mob: 94498-86322]
- **Sri Venkateshwara Dhyana Kendra:** 8th anniversary of Uttaradi Mutt branch, Dhanvantari Homa, **Morning;** Discourse 'Narasimha Mahime' by Pt. Sri Vyasateerthacharya, Kendra premises, Srirampura, **6 pm to 7 pm.**

Study Camp

Mysuru, Apr. 28- Surabhi Ganakala Mandira Charitable Trust, Mysuru, has organised 'Sri Swati Tirunal Maharajara Krishnapara Rachane' Study Camp at Leela Nagaraj's residence, No. 510, 13th Main Road, Saraswathipuram, Mysuru, from May 1 to 7 every day between 4 pm and 6 pm.

Vidu. Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar will conduct the camp.

For registration, contact Leela Nagaraj on Mob: 98452-72963 or Meera Manjunath on Mob: 94806-38815 or Lalitha Srinivasan on Mob: 96635-82045.

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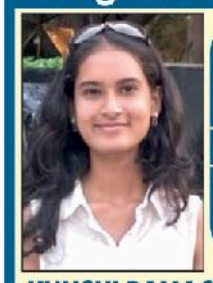

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